

MEDIA ACCESS OFFICE NEWS



Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

M.A.O. MEMBER APPEARANCES

Codes:

AL-Leg Amputee	B-Blind
CP-Cerebral Palsy	D-Deaf
DD-Developmental Disability	
DS-Down syndrome	
HI-Hearing Impaired	
ID-Invisible Disability	
LP-Little Person	
MI-Mobility Impaired	O-Other
PWD-Performers With Disabilities	
VI-Visually Impaired	WU-Wheelchair User



M.A.O. MEMBERS AND OTHER KNOWN PWD WHO ARE SERIES REGULARS/RECURRING

Grant Albrecht (WU) as Dr. Leonard Giles
"CSI: New York" - CBS

Michael J. Anderson (LP) as Samson
"Carnivale" - HBO

Deanne Bray (D) as Sue Thomas
"Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye" - PAX

Robert David Hall (AL) as Coroner Dr. Robbins
"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" - CBS

Anita Hollander (AL) as Shelley
"All My Children" - ABC

Geri Jewell (CP)
"Deadwood" - as Jewel - HBO and

"The Young & the Restless" - as Rose - CBS

Mitch Longley (WU) as Barry "Bear" Caldwell
"Joan of Arcadia" - CBS

and as Surveillance Team Member Mitch
"Las Vegas" - NBC

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical for her performance in the world premiere of THE FIFTH SEASON at the Olney Theatre in MD. Anita also originated the title role in the award-winning play GRETTRY GOOD TIME at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. Anita's own writing has garnered critical praise and awards from ASCAP, Billboard and Backstage Magazine. Her original one-woman musical STILL STANDING has been produced Off-Broadway as well as nationally at the White House, the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Cleveland Playhouse, Corcoran Gallery, the Kennedy Center and many others. Songs from the show have been on radio and MTV. A member of AEA, SAG, AFTRA, ASCAP and Dramatists Guild, as well as the tri-union Performers with Disabilities committee, Anita has worked with other disabled performers in Boston's Next Move Unlimited Theatre, Joseph Chaikin's Disability Project at the Public Theatre, and Infinity Dance Theatre. She's also done workshops about disability with young people in Boston (with Urban Improv), the Poconos (with amputee skiers), and New Jersey. For Very Special Arts she appeared at the ADA Anniversary in DC and at the U.N. with Betty Buckley and Tom Brokaw. On television, Anita narrated the acclaimed PBS documentary series PEOPLE IN MOTION featuring Itzhak Perlman, Marlee Matlin and John Hockenberry. She's also appeared on ANOTHER WORLD and ALL MY CHILDREN (on which her husband and daughter, Paul and Holland Hamilton, also appeared). BBC/London recently featured Anita on their program FROM THE EDGE, and MTV featured her in their Celebration of Diversity. John S. Wilson of the New York Times has written: "Hollander is provocative, funny, moving, communicative and beautifully polished...She has a wide range of vocal colors which she uses with dramatic sensitivity as well as comic insight...All this plus a charming presence that flavors everything she does." Her CD "Still Standing" can be purchased on-line at either amazon.com or cdnow.com.

'Regulars' Bios

Anita Hollander has performed throughout Europe and America as an actress and singer. She has premiered works of composers and lyricists at Carnegie Hall, the Village Gate, the Original Improvisation, Playwrights Horizons and the O'Neill Center. At the New York Shakespeare Festival she sang new works by Phillip Glass in JoAnne Akalaitis' production of WOYZECK. In 1997 she received a prestigious Helen Hayes Award Nomination for

[Anita was also interviewed for the latest issue of **Opening Stages**, the Quarterly Newsletter from the Kennedy Center. To get a free subscription, and/or a reprint of that article, send your request to access@kennedy-center.org.]

[Note: 'Regulars' Bios is an ongoing feature spotlighting those PWDs who have recurring or regular roles on television. Material is either obtained from official web sites or the actors themselves.]

THEATRE APPEARANCES

'Amadeus'

Where: Mosaic Theatre, Plantation, FL.
Reservations/Info: (954) 577-8243
When: 9/30 - 10/17

M.A.O. Member **Steve Gladstone (B)** is playing Joseph II in the award-winning drama.

'Snakebit'

Where: Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA.
Reservations/Info: 925/943-7469 or online at <http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase>
When: 10/1-23

M.A.O. member **Dale Albright (O)** is producing and starring in this Act Now! production of David Marshall Grant's comic drama, which also recently played a successful run in Mt. View in Sept.

'Shocktoberfest: Welcome to the Hypnodrome'

Where: 575 10th St. at Bryant, San Francisco
Reservations/Info: <http://www.thrillpeddlers.com/>
When: 10/7-11/20

M.A.O. Member **Tristan Thunderbolt (D)** is featured in three Grand Guignol classic plays from the 1920's.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

'CSI: New York'

Where: CBS-TV
When: Weds. Nov. 3 (tentative date; check listings), 10 PM.

M.A.O. Member **Lawrence Kaldor (AL)** plays "Frank Hertzberg", the murder victim investigated on the seventh episode of the premiere season, which is called "The Outside Man".

'Boston Legal'

Where: ABC-TV
When: Sun., Oct. 10, at 10 PM.

MAO Member **David Connell (MI)** makes a cameo appearance on the new David E. Kelly show.



Congratulations to M.A.O. Members

Ray Salazar (D) filmed a national Sprint commercial in San Francisco that will be airing shortly. **Mary Ann Tidwell-Broussard (MI)** performed a lead role with the Black Repertory Theatre of Oakland in the play **CopyCat**. **Andrea Nixon (WU)** was cast in an indie 'mocumentary' tentatively called **What Are You Willing to Notice About Your World?** 2003 M.A.O. Young Performer Scholarship award winner **Alice Diehl (WU)** was just cast in a lead role in her high school's holiday play, **Fruitcakes**. **Maia Scott (B)** is performing and teaching at the Access Advisors' Committee of The Fine Arts Museums' **Open House** in San Francisco on Oct. 9. **Arturo Gil (LP)** filmed two commercials for BestBuy and is also doing motion-capture animation for Jim Henson Studios for their 'Francis' cartoon series. **Jody Lee Olhava (MI)** has had the film she produced, **Mamochka**, screened at several film festivals, including Berkeley's, at which it won the award for best educational film. **Lisa Zion (O-Polio)** had her article on acting published in Latino LA online magazine [the article is at <http://www.latinola.com/story.php?story=2028>]. **Sujeet Desai (Ds)** is performing 10/3 & 23 in NY; check his website at www.sujeet.com and/or www.bestbuddiesnewyork.org for specifics. He also won awards at both the National and World Down syndrome Congresses recently. [Corrections: **Darryl Evans (MI)** name was misspelled in last month's newsletter. We regret the error].

Reminder to M.A.O. Members – We would like to have your appearances in film, television & theatre mentioned in the newsletter in a **timely** fashion. Please email DGordy@edd.ca.gov with your info by the *third week of the month prior to the month in which you will appear*.

And the Winners are...

The 2004 Acting Scholarship Competition was held at the Media Access Office on Saturday, September 18. We congratulate this year's acting scholarship award winners:

Christopher Reeve Scholarship - \$5,000

KEN RAMSEY

Ricardo Montalban/Nosotros Scholarship - \$1,000

JOHN SICILIANO

KSA/DAY Scholarship - \$1,000

TREV BROUDY

DSALA Scholarship - \$1,000

CHRISTINE YOUNG

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Very Sad News...

M.A.O. Member **Barry Silcock (WU/O - spina bifida)** passed away at Kaiser Lakeview Hospital in the early morning of Sunday, September 19th. Barry had been in ICU for over 100 days and was slated to be discharged home that afternoon. At approximately 2:15 am Barry complained of difficulty breathing. He was given an increase of oxygen to no avail. Extensive efforts to resuscitate Barry failed. Barry passed away at 2:45 am Sunday morning. He was 19 years old. Memorial services were held on Sept. 27 in Lake Forrest. Our sincerest sympathies go to his parents, Ann and James, and all of his family members. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests a donation be made to INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ADOPTIONS for the "Barry Silcock Memorial Fund for Adoption of Children with Special Needs."

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Media Access Awards **Postponed**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the 22nd Media Access Awards show has been postponed until the new year. The new date for the event is Friday, January 14, 2005. The venue will still be the same, The Highlands Club at Hollywood & Highland. More information will be forthcoming as to ticket prices, honorees, etc., as it becomes available. Stay tuned!

HOLLYWOOD NETWORKING BREAKFAST

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER is TBA. Date: Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, 8 AM-10:30 AM. For info call (310) 477-0996, ext. 3, or go to www.changingimagesinamerica.org.

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SAVE THE NEW DATE!

The 22nd Media Access Awards

Friday, January 14, 2005

THE HIGHLANDS
(at Hollywood & Highland)
HOLLYWOOD, CA

For ticket information call (310) 388-4668



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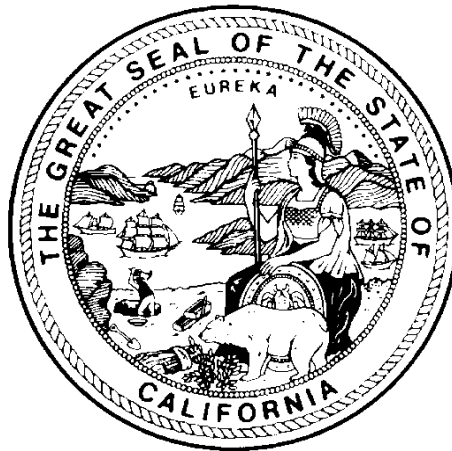
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